

A few important things to note:

- Place the fin clip in the folded piece of paper in the sample envelope. The fin clip should be small enough to fit inside this circle: ○
- The fin clip should be taken from the second fin along the backbone of the fish.
- Many Burbot have a small tag, called a PIT tag, in their fillet meat. The tag is black and slightly larger than a grain of rice. If you harvest the fish and are able to recover the PIT tag, please place it in the envelope with the genetic clip.
- Many Burbot are tagged with a floy tag, which is a 3-4" visible plastic tag placed in the filet of the fish. The tag has a unique number as well as a phone number to call to report the fish.
There are detailed datasheets for reporting your floy tags included in this packet. Please fill out one datasheet per fish and be sure that the floy tag number on the datasheet matches the floy tag number on the genetic sample envelope. If a floy tag is not present it is not necessary to fill out the additional datasheet, only the genetic sample envelope.
- **Reward tags must be turned in to receive the reward value on the tag.**



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Thank you for participating in the efforts of Fish and Game to better understand and manage the Burbot fishery in the Kootenai River! For several decades, a lot of time and energy have been spent by Fish and Game, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and others to restore Burbot and provide fishing opportunity for them in the Kootenai River, and we are glad you are enjoying the fishery. Your contribution of information and data to these efforts is critical, so THANK YOU for taking the time to participate. Anglers who return creel packets to a designated location by **May 1, 2022** will receive a free "Kootenai River Angler Science Program" hat to identify yourself as part of this program. Participants will also be entered in a free raffle. My contact information is below. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, concerns or simply to talk Burbot fishing – I am always up for hearing a good fishing story!

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Checklist for information to collect and record from each fish- all information can be recorded on the envelopes (see example envelope below):

The packet you received contains the required datasheets to collect samples from Burbot you catch, regardless of size. In addition to this packet, anglers will need tools to collect a genetic sample (e.g., knife or scissors) and a tape measure. The process for collecting samples is quite simple. Below is a picture of the sample collection envelopes in your packet as well as a diagram showing tag and sample collection locations on the body of a Burbot. If you harvest a Burbot, please place any tags in the envelope with the genetic clip. If you catch and then release a Burbot, please record all other data but do not attempt to locate or remove a PIT tag. **Please return completed creel packets to one of the following locations by May 1st, 2022.**

- ✓ Far North, Bonners Ferry
- ✓ North 40 Outfitters, Ponderay
- ✓ Fish and Game Panhandle Regional Office
- ✓ Or by mail to:

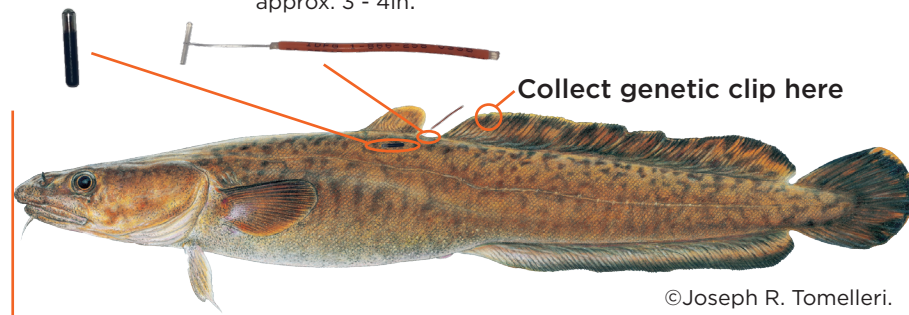
Attention: Kootenai River Creel
2885 W. Kathleen Ave,
Coeur d'Alene ID, 83815

Genetic Sample	
Date:	<u>1 / 1 / 2022</u>
Species:	<u>Burbot</u>
Location:	<u>Copeland Boat Launch</u>
Collector Name:	<u>John Doe</u>
Length (in):	<u>16.5"</u>
Harvested:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N
Floy Tag Present:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N
Floy Tag Removed:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N
Floy Tag Number:	<u>xx-xxxxx</u>
Comments:	<u></u>



PIT Tag
approx.
1.4 x 8.5mm

Floy Tag
approx. 3 - 4in.



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Measure length from nose to tail